Pickleball Board Meeting Notes October 20, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Jim Cooney, Jane Jakubec, Phil Bellis, Garland Erbele, Bob Deis, Craig Campbell, Lisa Penton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 22 Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report given by Jane Jakubec.

- We currently have \$19,162.54 in our account.
 - o We took in \$40 for 2 memberships.
 - o Bills were paid out in the amount of \$5619.46 this month.
 - o \$5000 payment to the city (last payment! Total given was \$25,000); remainder were costs from the tournament.
 - o Peyton McCreery-Storms was sent an invoice in the amount of \$65 for her sponsorship. We are currently waiting for that to be paid.
- We have inventory left to sell. 2 visors, 12 mugs, and 24 towels.
 - o Question is "What to do with them now"?
 - Phil will take them, photograph them and put them on our Facebook page for sale. Also, a photograph of items for sale may be placed on the bulletin board at the Rec Center.

MEMBERSHIP:

Craig Campbell reported we currently have 196 members.

TOURNAMENT RECAP:

We netted \$1492.21 from the tournament. Compared to previous tournaments it was not as much but the attendance was down this year. A positive was the tournament was held on 1 day. A suggestion was given to have the meal as a lunch, or immediately after play finishes.

SUG:

Craig proposed that we increase our level plan of SUG from Silver Plan \$107.89 per year to the Gold Plan \$269.89/year.

The benefits with the Gold plan that stood out as the most important were:

- More than 1 administrator dealing with all that SUG requires. This would allow more board members to help with SUG, each given a different role to manage.
- Waitlist management this would allow a person who is next on the waitlist to be moved up if there is a cancellation without having to check back all the time. This would occur automatically.
- Scheduled start and stop dates for sign up slots.
- Downside to SUG is that the mobile app is not supported-only the Signup Genius website. If one has been using the app successfully, it will still work. However, if you deleted the app, or got a new phone, or you are new to our club and have not been using the app at all, the app is no longer available for download from the Google Play Store (Android devices) or the App Store (Apple systems). Use the website, instead: www.signupgenius.com.
- A discussion was had using another app called Playtime Scheduler. This app does not allow us to regulate the number of sign-ups.
- After discussion a motion was made to upgrade to the SUG Gold Plan. The vote was in favor of the upgrade.
- Craig will upgrade us to the Gold Plan. Jane gave Craig the new credit card information for our club.
- A suggestion was made to label M-W-F sign ups as Open Play as no one is using SUG. Craig will address this change.

Soon we will be moving inside to play at the Rec Center. Should we add additional morning playtimes due to an increase in players? The inside courts can accommodate 15 on SUG. Discuss next meeting.

LAND PROPOSAL:

Garland gave an overview of what was presented to us at the last meeting by Lorri Riley. The offered land is on wetlands. Several Board members went out to view the land. There is a deep swell there. The opinion was that there might be room for 4 courts, and we would need a parking lot. The land is low enough, so could flood if there was a large rainfall. Would this cause the fence to be taken out with debris in the overflowing water?

Some questions:

- Would the city be interested in partnering with us in the building and maintaining of the courts?
- Are there any other partners willing to invest?
- What about the medical facilities going in, would they be interested?
- The consensus is that we do not want to solely take this project on. We are deeply grateful for the offer. We can revisit this again in the future if the land is still available. Garland will relay the message to Lorri Riley and thank her for the offer.
- To all the Pickleball Club members: The land is available if anyone wishes to develop the courts.

It was felt that we are in need of indoor courts.

INDOOR COURTS:

The ball machine is at the Rec Center. It is locked up, and you will need to get the key from the front desk.

Please remember to ALWAYS clean the ball machine after use. There is tape on the ball machine with instructions to do this.

- The ball machine gets hot with use and takes the cover off the balls.
- The wheel of the ball machine starts to turn orange and may start to malfunction.
- Take the tape over the wheel and then pull off. This will clean the machine.

We have an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the City and the Rec Center. This renews every year.

- Now that we have paid our debt to the city, will this change? Jim will investigate this.
- Jim had a meeting with Brett (Rec Center admin) the morning of this meeting.
- The floors have been scrubbed but it has not been retaped. Some tape is still adhering to the floor.
- Paddle racks have not been installed yet.
- We feel that we may need more courts available during the winter months. Jim will inquire to see if there is another area that can be made into a court.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

- Phil presented the idea of getting a <u>time clock for the courts</u> that all could see. This would be used to time structured play and eliminate the need for a player to keep the time. The model he presented has an alarm. Cost is \$40
 - o Jim stated there used to be a timing machine at the Rec Center. He will investigate that.
- Phil also suggested to put a <u>camera at the courts</u>, so that we could always view the courts, check to see if the courts are wet, or if people are playing. Cameras would be wireless, with 24/7 video surveillance. We would need to put a sign up at the courts stating they were being videoed.
 - o Would we have a website so that members could view the courts?
 - o Would we need to get the city involved?
 - o Phil will talk with the city regarding the cameras.
- Garland spoke with a gentleman by the name of Steve Stone who is an ambassador for **USA Pickleball**. They can help with paddles and other things for our club. Jim will call for more info.

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